REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. The Specification has been amended to update the status of the priority claim. No new matter is added by the amendments to the Specification.

Availability of the Deposit

Human Genome Sciences, Inc., the assignee of the present application, has deposited biological material under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Micro-organisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with the following International Depository Authority: American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 (present address). The deposit was made on July 12, 1996, accepted by the ATCC, and given ATCC Accession Number 97657. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 2410.01 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.808, assurance is hereby given that all restrictions on the availability to the public of ATCC Accession Number 97657 will be irrevocably removed upon the grant of a patent based on the instant application, except as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(b). A partially redacted copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt for Accession Number 97657 is enclosed herewith as Exhibit A.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks be entered. Applicants believe that the Examiner's concerns have been addressed and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Please contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Dated: October 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa J. Pytel

Registration No.: 41,512

HUMAN GENOME SCIENCES, INC.

Intellectual Property Dept. 14200 Shady Grove Road Rockville, Maryland 20850

(301) 610-5764

KKH/MJP/ba

Application No.: 10/628,395 3 Docket No.: PF290P1D2